

CAFB helps guard get ready

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

The Columbus AFB Dental Clinic staff put in some late nights to support the Mississippi National Guard mobilization Jan. 29 to 30.

More than 30 guardsmen from the 223rd Engineer Battalion in West Point, Miss., visited the clinic during a two-day period to be cleared for active duty.

“This was a short-notice activation and deployment for this unit,” said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Rogers, dental services NCOIC. “They were given approximately one week to get ready for deployment.

“The 36 individuals treated here may not have been able to deploy had their problems not been taken care of.”

“The entire dental element stood up for the challenge,” said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Harvey Kelley, 14th Medical Operations Squadron commander. “We proposed the endeavor as a volunteer opportunity, knowing it would be involving long hours and non-stop work.

“Everyone jumped on board with enthusiasm,” Kelley said. “Those tasked with other duties such as First Term Airman’s Center and honor guard returned to the clinic to provide assistance. During the long hours and hard work, the atmosphere was light and upbeat for staff and patients alike.”

The dental clinic isn’t the only unit hard at work helping the guardsmen get ready to deploy.

Tech. Sgt. Kathy Stansberry, allergy/immunization technician for the 14th Medical Group, said over the past few weeks she reviewed more than 90 shot records and gave more than 140 shots to deploying guardsmen.

The dental clinic also enlisted the support of the clinic pharmacy to provide after hours prescription support.

The family support center also offers services to the guardsmen.

“The center offers a wide variety of programs to support Reserve and National Guard soldiers that have been activated,” said Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman, family readiness NCO.

All the hard work and effort from the BLAZE team will pay some dividends back to the wing as about 30 different guardsmen will be assigned to Columbus AFB for the next two years.

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Kenn Brown

The 14th Security Forces Squadron guards the NASA Space Shuttle Columbia during its visit June 1991. This was one of three times the Columbia stopped at Columbus AFB.

Lost astronauts, shuttle visited CAFB

SAN ANTONIO — Two Air Force officers were among the seven astronauts lost when the Space Shuttle Columbia apparently broke apart at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time Saturday in the area over north central Texas.

Col. Rick Husband was the mission commander and Lt. Col. Michael Anderson was the payload commander.

“While we are deeply saddened by this tragic loss, we are also very proud of the Air Force team that has tirelessly assisted in the response to this national tragedy,” said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, and James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force.

The shuttle was preparing to land at the Kennedy Space Center in

Florida when NASA’s Mission Control in Houston lost contact with the crew.

The space vehicle was at an altitude of about 203,000 feet and was traveling at approximately 12,500 miles per hour, or Mach 18, when contact was lost.

Other members of the crew included Cmdr. William McCool, pilot for STS-107; Navy Capt. David Brown, mission specialist; Dr. Kalpana Chawla, flight engineer and mission specialist; Cmdr. Laurel Clark, mission specialist; and Israeli air force Col. Ilan Ramon, payload specialist.

Columbus AFB has close tie to the space program.

Some of the Columbia crewmembers attended training at Columbus

AFB to accomplish annual T-38 emergency simulation training recently.

“NASA headquarters lacks the ability to complete T-38 emergency procedures,” said Hud Hudnall, Lear Siegler Service Incorporated. simulator instructor. “We have been training NASA crewmembers for years.”

The shuttle crews practice the procedures in a one-and-a-half hour T-38 simulator flight with local contractor simulator instructors from LSI.

“NASA crews that come here are a cut above the rest,” Hudnall said. “But at the same time they are not too good to talk to you and are truly ambassadors for America.” *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News. Second Lt. Joseph Coslett contributed to this article.)*

Air Force extends current, upcoming deployments

Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Currently and soon-to-be deployed airmen will remain deployed longer than the previously targeted three-month rotation, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced Jan. 28 in a message to all airmen. The change was made to meet the



Staff Sgt. Tony Tolley

Senior Airman Amanda Mills, deployed from the 14th Flying Training Wing public affairs office, takes photos on the flight line at a forward-deployed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

needs of combatant commanders.

Specifically, active-duty and mobilized reserve component airmen deployed with Air and Space Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8 and those deploying under these new taskings ordered by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Dec. 24 should anticipate remaining in place until further notice, Jumper said in the message.

“[This is] a time when it’s important for the military to show its strength, and I know every person who’s able to defend our country is needed,” said Senior Airman Amanda Mills, Columbus AFB public affairs at a forward-deployed location. “I’m very proud to be a part of that defense.”

Airmen in some “stressed” career fields have already been extended beyond three months.

The need for additional forces is part of a buildup of air power in Southwest Asia, ready to achieve national security objectives if directed by the president.

“We must interrupt our normal three-month AEF rotation cycle because the resources in a single AEF pair can no longer satisfy the needs of our combatant commands,” Jumper said.

The general said that the change would likely increase the amount of time many airmen are forward deployed. But, he added, it is a necessary move and one he feels will be taken in stride by airmen everywhere.

“I know this is a lot to ask, and I am confident that every airman understands we have been called upon once again by our nation,” he said. “Our success as an Air Force depends on how we prepare for and execute operations.”

Jumper’s words echoed those in a message sent by Rumsfeld the same day to people in the Department of Defense.

“In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world’s attention to Saddam Hussein’s regime in Iraq,” Rumsfeld said. “He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime’s disarmament.”

In light of these developments, DOD leaders recognize the uncertainty longer deployments may create for those

in uniform, the civilians who work beside them, and their families, Rumsfeld said.

“Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort,” Rumsfeld said. “Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned.”

Jumper said every effort will be made to relieve those deployed in a way that accommodates mission requirements.

“I assure you that we will continue to assess the evolving situation and develop rotation plans which seek to relieve our forces in the most equitable fashion while still meeting combatant commanders’ warfighting requirements,” he said. “Although AEF rotation timing will change, we will make every effort to preserve the AEF sequence which will give us the ability to sustain our operations over the long term.

“When able, we will return to a more normalized three-month AEF battle rhythm.”

Although that rhythm is intended to provide airmen and their families with a predictable schedule for deployments, resulting in a more normal lifestyle, an implicit understanding is that increased operations tempo changes everything, Jumper said.

“Sustaining on-going requirements with three-month rotations has become part of our Air Force culture,” Jumper said. “But we need to remember that the AEF structure also allows us to posture for a full range of combat operations, including major theater contingencies that require more forces than can be provided by one AEF pair on a three-month rotation.”

It is a national security matter, he said, one in which the efforts of the entire Air Force team will be needed.

“I have never been (more proud) of our Air Force and of the great men and women that bring America’s resolve to the doorsteps of those who would seek to inflict harm upon us and our allies,” he said. “I know you are all equal to the task, and I look forward to seeing our great Air Force continue to successfully defend American values and freedoms.”

CROSSWORD

This puzzle is brought to Columbus AFB by the Operational Readiness Inspection team. It is designed to get the base familiar with the ORI.

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Across
1 Attack is imminent or in progress = Alarm ____
3 Never ____ with an inspector, contact your supervisor
8 You must replace you MCU-2A/P mask every seven days during _____.
10 EAF stands for Expeditionary ____ Force
11 UCC = Unit ____ Center
12 Increased or more predictable threat exists = FPCON ____
14 ORI Web page button is on the _____.
16 Forward Line of Own Troops acronym is _____.
17 UTC = Unit ____ Code

Down
1 At what level of decontamination is the aim to eliminate contamination to restore mission critical resources permitting unrestricted use?
2 When do you replace a dressing?
4 A ____ is a guided rocket.
5 The last resort to stop bleeding is a(n) _____.
6 A person in shock may have a ____ face. (hyphenated word)
7 Attack is over, go to or stay in shelter = Alarm ____
9 Incident has occurred or imminent = FPCON ____
11 Medical transports are not allowed to transport _____.
13 Third key to success during the ORI is our winning _____.
15 For serious eye injury apply bandage to ____ eyes.
16 Forward Edge of the Battle Area acronym

Answers can be found on Page 9.

NEWS BRIEFS

V-day fundraiser

The Company Grade Officer Council begins a fundraiser Monday, which runs through Feb. 14.

People can make a donation of \$1 to guess how many candy pieces are in a large jar.

The person who guesses correctly or comes the closest wins the jar of candy, plus 50 percent of the donations collected.

Volunteers are needed from the flying training squadrons.

For more information or to volunteer, call Ext. 2781.

Single parents' group

The "Parents on the Move" meeting is at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Happy Lounge at the Columbus Club. Parents are asked to bring bagged lunches.

For more information, call Ext. 2790.

New hours

The 14th Medical Group clinic support staff closes from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and reopens from 4:30 to 5 p.m. effective Thursday for training.

The support staff includes laboratory, radiology and pharmacy.

For more information about the new hours, call Ext. 2168.

GUARD

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"It is great for the U. S. Army to step up and help support force protection missions on Air Force installations, this is just one more example of how well our military services work together," said Maj. Leonard Grassley, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander.

"We have had Air Force reservists assigned to Columbus AFB for a while now, and its time for them to get back to their families and jobs," Grassley said. "With the support of the Army guardsmen, we can continue to ensure the same level of force protection for the base while also supporting Air Force mobility commitments."

While at Columbus AFB, the guardsmen will perform security, entry control and force protection duties.

Grassley said the U.S. Army is attempting to keep the activated guardsmen in their home state to ease long-haul deployment effects.

"All of the base agencies are in full support of the guardsmen," Grassley said. "We are treating them exactly as we would any Air Force member being assigned to Columbus AFB."

(Editor's note: For more information about what the FSC can provide for deployed guardsmen families, call Coleman at Ext. 2790.)



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Senior Airman Kerri Clapsadle and Capt. Trey Labella, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, perform dental work on Army Spc. Darryl Dilworth Jr., 223rd Engineer Battalion, West Point, Miss.

New command chief takes charge of AETC

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — A 25-year Air Force veteran who has served as a command chief master sergeant at a wing and numbered air force assumed the position of command chief master sergeant of Air Education and Training Command recently.

Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers replaced Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan, who retired Jan. 31 after serving as AETC command chief master sergeant since February 2000.

The command chief master sergeant, as the top enlisted person in the command, advises the AETC commander and senior staff on the morale, welfare and effective use of more than 34,000 enlisted people who conduct the recruiting, training and education missions worldwide. He also serves as command chief master sergeant for more than 350,000 enlistees trained per year in AETC.

Prior to assuming his current position, Meyers was 2nd Air Force command chief master sergeant at Keesler AFB, Miss., from June 2001 to January of this year. Second Air Force conducts the basic military and technical training missions for AETC.

Before that assignment, he was command chief master sergeant for the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall AFB, Fla., from March 1999 to June 2001.

The chief brings a simple approach to his new position that has served him well since his initial duty assignment in early 1978 as an aerospace control and warning system operator.

"When I go into any job, my initial goal is to do the best I can," said the native of Utica, N.Y. "I hope that our airmen are

thinking the same way. I don't go into the job thinking about the next job or the next assignment. I always think about what I can do today to make my job and the Air Force better for the people who follow."

In following that philosophy, the chief said his primary focus would be to help ensure the command's mission runs as smoothly as possible so that AETC can provide professional airman to sustain the combat capability of America's Air Force.

"My initial focus is to help make AETC, as the First Command, the best experience it can be in our mission of recruiting, training and educating young men and women from the hometowns of America who choose to 'Cross Into The Blue,'" he said.

In his first few months on the job, the chief said he will be getting more familiar with the command's education and flying training missions.

This month, for example, he will travel to Maxwell AFB, Ala., to learn more about the education programs conducted by Air University, such as the Community College of the Air Force and College for Enlisted Professional Military Education. He will also visit Luke AFB, Ariz., to get more familiar with the F-16 training mission there.

"These base visits along with others being worked will help me get a better feel for the command's flying training and education missions and the issues affecting them," Meyers said. "Having come from 2nd Air Force, I don't have any immediate plans to visit our technical training bases in

the first few months, but I'll make it around to them again as a little time passes."

His message to the enlisted members of the command is to make the Air Force core values — integrity, service before self, excellence in all we do — the foundation of their everyday lives.

"I've tried to live by the core values my whole career even though we didn't have them labeled as such when I was coming up through the ranks," he said. "If everybody adheres to our core values, little can go wrong with our entire Air Force mission."

The chief entered the Air Force through the U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training School in November 1977. He graduated from the aerospace control and warning system operator course at Keesler AFB, Miss., in March 1978 and completed satellite orbital analysis training at Peterson AFB, Colo., a month later.

He has held positions in the Southern, European and North Atlantic theaters of operation.

His operational background includes working with ballistic missile early warning and satellite tracking systems; ground tactical air control systems; modular control equipment; and semi-automatic ground environment systems. Meyers has held positions at a regional operational control center, NATO command and control center and on the training staff at a numbered air force.

The chief has also served as an Air Force advisor to the Air National Guard. *(Courtesy of AETC News Service.)*

Teamwork is key to continued BLAZE team success

Maj. Cephas Franklin
14th CS commander



Many of you watched two of America's best football teams, the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play in the pinnacle game for their organization, Superbowl XXXVII. While the Buccaneers won, each team achieved a milestone 34 other teams began the year trying to do. The difference is the 54 players on these teams excelled, subordinating their personal interests for the good of their organizations. Each player possessed certain skills that, when combined with those of other players, created a synergistic effect allowing their organization to succeed.

Webster defines teamwork as, "A joint action by a group of people in which individual interests are subordinated to group unity and efficiency." The actions by this group must be a coordinated effort. Every wing unit has a unique mission with set boundaries, that when coordinated with those of the

other units, allows the wing to succeed. The same type of teamwork that worked for the two football teams is working for the BLAZE team.

In the past, the 14th Flying Training Wing excelled in executing its mission to produce the world's best pilots. As a matter of fact, the BLAZE team produced approximately 350 pilots, 33 percent of Air Force pilot production, each of the last few years. The wing achieved the goals established by Air Education and Training Command. Additionally, the wing excelled in operational readiness inspections by garnering "excellent" overall ratings. Teamwork's been the foundation for this success.

At this moment, the teamwork demonstrated by this wing can be seen at the Golden Triangle Regional Airport. Organizations across the wing worked together to acquire a mobile control tower to support the BLAZE mission while the inside runway is closed for repairs. As a result of this teamwork, the impact of the runway closure project to the mission will be minimal.

In less than 30 days, the AETC inspector general team will visit. They are coming to assess our ability to train the

world's best pilots, respond in times of crisis and provide agile combat support. My prediction is the team will blaze through with flying colors. I am as confident in my prediction as I am in the support team 14th Comm provides this wing. The 14th Comm is but one organization on the BLAZE team. While our mission is important, it's one of many on the team that enables the BLAZE mission. As the coach of Team Comm, our mission is simple — exploit communications and information technology to provide voice, data network and air traffic and landing systems services in support of the BLAZE mission. Customer service is our number one priority — force enhancement is the goal.

So as operational readiness inspection preparations continue, let's not forget the key ingredient that paved the way for past accomplishments — teamwork. Whether military, civilian or contractor — every unit or agency possesses individuals with skills vital to the BLAZE mission. As individuals, we become needles in a haystack. As a group, we become diamonds in the rough. Therefore, it takes each of us working together to blaze the trail. Teamwork across the wing remains the key component to success.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Question: My concern is that our fitness center cannot adequately support the demands of our population. In particular, the cardiovascular equipment and allotted space for the equipment in my opinion is insufficient. I have left the facility numerous times early evening without a workout or an inadequate workout because of overcrowding. Has there been any consideration given to expanding the fitness center to better accommodate the needs of its customers?

Answer: I appreciate your interest in improving our fitness center and agree the space in the facility and around our equipment is limited. A \$10.2 million military construction project for our fitness center is at Air Staff. It's currently listed number 33 on the Air Force Fitness Center Master Construction Plan, but it is not yet funded. The new design will increase current space by over 3,000 square meters. We will continue to pursue funding for this facility. You also probably noticed the fitness center recently received over \$79,000 in new equipment. We already converted two racquetball courts to install the new equipment and we plan to relocate additional equipment to the aerobics room to allow for even more space. Finally, I encourage every member of the BLAZE team to exercise regularly — it will improve your life.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Airman 1st Class Jennifer Anilao, 14th Communication Squadron radio maintainer, tells Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, about the mission of the radio maintenance shop.

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Columbus AFB celebrates Black History Month

National African-American History Month Proclamation

African Americans have played central roles in some of the most triumphant and courageous moments in our Nation’s history. During National African-American History Month, we honor the rich heritage of African Americans and pay tribute to their many contributions to our Nation. As we celebrate this year’s theme, “The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections,” we remember the successes and challenges of our past. We also resolve to honor the achievements and legacy of these proud citizens by continuing to improve our society so that it fully lives up to our founding ideals.

In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson recognized the need for our country to gain a more complete and informed understanding of our past. He founded the association for the Study of Negro Life and History and established the first Negro History Week to emphasize that “We have a wonderful history behind us. . . . Through the pioneering efforts of Dr. Woodson and the hard work of the Association, this observance officially became Black History Month in 1976.

For generations, African Americans have strengthened our Nation by urging reforms, overcoming obstacles and breaking down barriers. We see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society, a greatness reflected in the resolve of Jackie Robinson, the intellect of W.E.B. DuBois, and the talent of Louis Armstrong. We also gain a deeper appreciation for the African-American experience in the writings of James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, and Zora Neal Hurston, as well as in the music of Mahalia Jackson, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, and countless others.

African Americans reflect a proud legacy of courage and dedication that has helped to guide our Nation’s success and prosperity. Visionary leaders like Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King, Jr., possessed a clarity of purpose and were instrumental in exposing and addressing the issues that threatened our founding principles. The battle for freedom, equality, and opportunity was fought on the front lines by strong figures such as Harriet Tubman and Fannie Lou Hamer, as well as many other everyday heroes who helped to lead this Nation to a more hopeful and just society.

As we recall these remarkable individuals, we also recognize that, despite our progress, racial prejudice still exists in America. As a Nation and as individuals, we must be vigilant in responding to discrimination wherever we find it. By promoting diversity, understanding, and opportunity, we will continue our efforts to build a society where every person, of every race, can realize the promise of America.

This month, I encourage all citizens to gain awareness of and appreciation for African-American history. As we remember this important part of our Nation’s past, we look to a bright future, recognizing the potential of an America united in purpose, guided by spirit, and dedicated to equality.

*George W. Bush
President of the United States of America*

Christine Cannedy
14th Mission Support Group

As we embark on this important occasion to observe Black History Month, we should reflect on the extraordinary events about people who have emerged as a vital part of this melting pot called America.

We should also celebrate the richness of language, music, different foods, dances, rituals, religions and family values that have enhanced the lives of all Americans.

It has been stated that those who fail to remember the past are destined to repeat it. Black History Month observances provide us the opportunity to remember the many important challenges and struggles that have brought us much closer together.

This closeness is shown in many areas and the numerous contributions that African-American inventors, educators, military people, political leaders,

attorneys, doctors, along with various other careers and professions throughout our nation.

We should continue breaking down barriers, reinventing ourselves and becoming advocates for an environment suitable for all people.

Attaining success and being ever vigilant of duties and responsibilities we have here in the United States and abroad.

As an educator, I feel it is important for us to mentor and empower our nation’s youth to pass on the torch of excellence, we need models on every career level, providing opportunities for youth to succeed and give back.

Collaborating and working together as a team reinforces our commitment to press forward as one.

Join us in celebrating Black History Month. Information is available on the BLAZEWEB, check out the marquees, look for flyers and read the Silver Wings to spot upcoming events.

Black History Month Spotlight

Senior Master Sgt. Renee McCollum
43rd Flying Training Squadron

How has the integration of African Americans in the military impacted the Air Force?: Strength is in unity. It started with the desegregation of the Army Air Force’s only all-black fighter group the Tuskegee Airmen. African Americans have conclusively demonstrated that we could perform as well as any race and have always wanted to be part of the team. Our impact in the Air Force is of great significance because as a united group we can function as proud Americans in the military.

Cultural Trivia

- ?
1. Carter G. Woodson instituted Negro History Week. What new name was it given in 1976?
 2. Who was the 1st African American chariman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff?
 3. Name the scientist whose research led to an efficient method of storing large quantities of blood plasma in “blood banks.”
 4. Who was the first African-American woman to host a nationally syndicated TV talk show ?

Answers on bottom of page

What’s going on this month

- ❑ Channel 64 runs educational movies during the month
 - ❑ Airman’s Dining facility prepares lunchtime soul food meals Feb. 5 and Feb. 26 and a southern meal Feb. 20.
 - ❑ A Black History Month celebration is from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the chapel. The multicultural committee invites everyone to celebrate the rich culture of African Americans. Various displays of art, books and clothing are shown. Food tasting events, poetry reading, singing by the Columbus Mississippi Black Voices and Miracle Temple choirs and a rhythmic “Step Show” are also available. There will be games and prizes for children.
- For more information, call Ext. 2788 or Ext. 3576.

Answers: 1. Black History Month 2. Gen. Colin Powell 3. Charles Drew in the 1930s 4. Oprah Winfrey

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“*The Wild Thornberrys*” (PG, some adventure peril, 86 min.) Animated.

Saturday

“*Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*” (PG-13, images of violence, 179 min.) Starring Elijah Wood.

Feb. 14

“*Catch Me If You Can*” (PG-13, some sexual content and brief language, 140 min.) Starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Feb. 14

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program:

English Composition

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Job workshop: A job skills identification workshop is from 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 18 to help people learn what kind of jobs are best suited for them.

Workshop: A Microsoft Excel beginners’ workshop is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 25.

The seating is limited, and people must register in advance.

Education grant: The deadline to apply for the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant is March 14.

The \$1,500 grant is available to eligible family members of active duty, reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 full-time active duty, retired, retired reservists with 20 years or more, active-duty service and spouses of deceased Air Force people.

Call Shirley Pinkney for an application.

Fam-Link: Occasional newsletters are sent to people’s homes about special base events and things happening in the local area.

To subscribe to this free newsletter, send an e-mail to FSC@columbus.af.mil.

BASE NOTES



OSC scholarship: The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors, spouses and current college students.

Every high school applicant must be a dependent of an active duty or retired military member associated with Columbus AFB.

Continuing education applicants may be the spouse or child of an active duty, retired, deceased or missing in action military member.

Obtain an application at the base education center, family support center, or high school or college guidance office.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Roses for V-day

Kristen Waldrop, officers’ spouses’ club member, arranges roses. The officers’ spouses’ club sells roses for Valentine’s Day, and the deadline for orders is Wednesday. Cost is \$30 per dozen or \$18 per half dozen. Proceeds benefit club charities. To order call 434-8398, 434-6376 or 434-6297.

Any questions call Christy Milner at 240-1695 or email christy.milner@columbus.af.mil. Application deadline is today.

Playgroup: A Mommy and Me playgroup begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

This is a weekly playgroup for ages 18 months to 3 years and their parents. For more information, call Birgit Coslett at 434-5876.

Prayer luncheon: The National Prayer Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the Columbus Club.

The event features Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Bruno, Air Force Special Operations Command chaplain. Tickets are \$5 for E-1 through E-4 and \$10 for everyone else. For reservations, call Ext. 2500 or see a first sergeant.

Officers’ spouses’ social: The Columbus AFB Officers’ Spouses’ Club’s social is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18. The program is wine tasting.

The menu is heavy hor d’oeuvres for \$10. Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members and spouses are welcome. For reservations, call 434-5511 or e-mail: davidjeastman@cableone.net.

ESC scholarships: The enlisted spouses’ club offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors, current college students, spouses and active-duty people.

Applicants must be the dependent child or spouse of an active-duty, retired or deceased or missing in action person.

Applications are at the education center, family support center or high school guidance offices.

Deadline to apply is March 1. For more information, call 434-5849.

Family housing: An amendment has been added to the family housing brochure.

It is residents of military family housing may store a quantity not exceeding 20 pounds of smokeless-black powder in their residence. The product must be stored in its original container.

Storage is authorized only in an outside room or shed.

It should be stored separately from fuels and solvents. For more information, call Ext. 3546.

New safety Web site: Safety posts the safety newsletter, forms and other pertinent information for safety programs. Visit <https://www.columbus.af.mil/BLAZEWEB/safetyweb/Safety%20Web/Main%20Page2.htm>.

AROUND TOWN



For more information about the premier vacation package program, call Ext. 2337.

Thursday
All new soup,
salad and potato
bar

Team MSS beat 14th MDG in close game, 54-53

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Public affairs

The 14th Medical Group lost 54-53 in a tight game against the 14th Mission Support Squadron in intramural basketball action Monday.

Stephen Hart, MDG coach, went through a ritualistic practice before the game with his team. He discussed the game plan to blow the 14th MSS out of the water.

“Let’s take this game fellas,” Hart said.

The MSS barely made the deadline before having to forfeit the game due to a lack of players.

However, six players made the court hastily changing into their uniforms for action.

The missed warm-up time showed because the MSS

trailed 33-28 with five minutes left in the half.

Late in the first half, the MSS found their groove and started to close the gap.

Hart called a time out. “Come on fellas, we’re giving easy points up on the paint,” he yelled. Hart told them to be patient on offense and tighten up defense.

For the rest of the half the MDG was solid, while the MSS looked worn down.

During the half-time break the MSS reviewed its plan to close the game in their favor.

“We are driving the ball to the hole, but we are not blocking out the rebound,” said Jon-Michael Bridgeman, MSS player.

The MSS moved to a zone defense and switched to man coverage if the zone wasn’t sufficient.

The first 10 minutes of the second half was a defense

struggle with few baskets, but MDG remained ahead 45-39.

Midway through the second half, MSS stepped-up, found some buried energy, and brought the game within reach.

“I’m just trying to keep them hyped,” said Jerry Trimble, MSS player. “Defense is keeping us in the game.”

The frustrations were felt on the Med Group side as MSS cut their lead to a one point to 51-50 score.

“Come on fellas, we’re getting hung out there,” Hart said during a time out.

The game ended with the MSS digging out and scoring two more buckets to win 54-53.

“We came out cold, then we jelled and it was like one heart beat out there,” said Moe Bedell, MSS player.

SHORTS



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I got it, I got it
Mark Baroni, 14th Flying Training Wing, plays racquetball at the fitness and sports center. For information on services available at the center, call Ext. 2772.

Intramural volleyball coming soon to Columbus AFB. For more information or to sign up, people should call their squadron sports representative.

Recreation league

The deadline to register for recreational soccer league is Monday.

The league is for BLAZE and military ID card holders ages 18 and up. More than 50 people have already signed up. Everyone is split up into four groups with equal coverage of beginners and advance soccer players.

For more information, call Ext. 2772 or visit www.geocities.com/columbusfutbol/.

Spring soccer

Deadline for registering indoor soccer for ages 3 and up is Feb. 14 at the youth center.

Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

Volunteer coaches are needed to support this program. Season’s scheduled to begin in March.

Players must have current physical on file or obtain one before the start of the program.

Players who register after the deadline are charged a late fee. Call Ext. 2504.

	Team	Wins	Losses
Basketball standings The following are the intramural league standings as of Wednesday.	OSS	9	2
	DynCorp	10	3
	37th/41st FTS	7	3
	14th MSS	8	4
	48th FTS	6	3
	14th COM	6	6
	50th FTS	3	7
	14th MDG	3	10
	14th SFS	0	14

	Team	Wins	Losses
The following are the intramural Thursday leagues standings as of Jan. 30.	Misfits	112	40
	14th OSS	98	54
	Strokin	94	58
	SFS #1	58	94
	48th FTS	56	96
	SFS #2	32	120